

**FREE SPACE OPTICAL (FSO) DEVICE PROVIDING REMOTE CONTROL  
FEATURES AND RELATED METHODS**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A modular free space optical (FSO) communications device may include an optical relay (OR) module and a base module. More particularly, the OR module may include an OR housing and at least one OR device carried thereby. Further, the base module may include a base housing and at least one positioner carried thereby for providing relative movement between the base module and the OR module for optical beam aiming. The modular FSO communications device may also include a camera and a remote station interface connected to the at least one positioner for permitting remote optical beam aiming. Furthermore, the remote station interface may also be connected to the camera for permitting remote viewing.